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	Examiner Raj K. Jain	Art Unit 2616	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 August 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kalampoukas et al (USP 5,675,576).

Regarding claims 1, 2 and 4 Kalampoukas discloses a method of providing feedback about a contention point to a source of a multicast connection (abstract, Fig. 2, each switch provides a contention point for a multicast connection), the method comprising: identifying a slowest stream of the multicast connection at the contention point (col 2 lines 45-57, col 5 lines 35-58, bottleneck link would represent the slowest link within a multicast connection);

executing an explicit rate (ER) calculation only with respect to accounting characteristics of the slowest stream at the contention point (col 2 lines 45-50, col 7 lines 30-47, ER calculations are done using the RM cells);

transmitting a result of the slowest stream ER calculation back to the source (col 7 lines 47-63, bottleneck value is sent back to source via the RM cell); and controlling a data transmission rate of said source of said multicast connection using said slowest stream ER calculation (col 7 lines 30-63, RM cells provide the bandwidth requests for each connection.).

Regarding claim 3, Kalampoukas discloses a contention point includes a memory buffer (Figs. 3 & 4 show a buffered switch, col 6 lines 34-45) for storing cells received from the source in a temporally ordered linked list (col 5 lines 25-31); multicasting is effected by copying cells from the linked list to ports associated with the various multicast connection streams (col 4 line 58- col 5 line 2), and a read pointer is maintained for each stream to provide an index into the linked list; and said step of identifying the slowest stream includes identifying the read pointer associated with a temporally earliest cell in the linked list (Fig. 2, col 5 lines 50-63, col 7 lines 30-44, each RM cell has a VC identifier for each connection and thus an read pointer associated with a given cell).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raj K. Jain whose telephone number is 571-272-3145. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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